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SUBJECT: U.S. AND WFP CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELIEF FOR MUSLIM REFUGEES  
FROM BURMA: DOUBLE COUNTING

1. UNDP RES REP ZAGORIN, WHO IS ACTING AS UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN BANGLADESH FOR BURMESE REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM, HAS EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR CONSIDERABLE CONCERN ABOUT DOUBLE COUNTING OF WFP AND U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOODGRAINS FOR REFUGEE RELIEF. ZAGORIN INFORMS US THAT WHEN WFP APPROVED USE OF 2880 MT OF WHEAT AND 2880 MT OF SFSG FOR REFUGEES, ZAGORIN INFORMED THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT OF THIS WFP CONTRIBUTION TO REFUGEE RELIEF. ZAGORIN'S CONCERN RELATES TO THE DEPARTMENT'S JUNE 5 PRESS RELEASE LISTING THE SAME FOODGRAINS AND AN EMBASSY LETTER WHICH INFORMED THE BDG ABOUT U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDING THE AMOUNTS ALREADY COVERED BY WFP. AS A RESULT OF THESE TWO NOTIFICATIONS TO THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT, THE 2880 MT OF WHEAT AND THE 2880 MT OF SFSG WERE COUNTED TWICE AND ONLY RECENTLY DID ZAGORIN FIND THE ERROR AND INFORM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

2. ZAGORIN CONSIDERS THAT THE FOODGRAINS IN QUESTION

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SHOULD PROPERLY BE COUNTED AS WFP ASSISTANCE. HE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE HOPED THE DOUBLE COUNTING PROBLEM MIGHT BE OVERCOME BY A FURTHER SIMILAR CONTRIBUTION OF U.S. FOOD.

3. THE AMBASSADOR INFORMED ZAGORIN THAT WE ANTICIPATED ALL U.S. FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE MADE THROUGH WFP

AND WE CONSIDERED THEY SHOULD BE CREDITED AS USG CONTRIBUTIONS. THE U.S. HAD ALREADY COMMITTED ITSELF TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AND WOULD START EXAMINING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IMMEDIATELY. AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED WOULD, OF COURSE, DEPEND UPON NEED (RATHER THAN PREVIOUS DOUBLE COUNTING LEVEL).

4. AMBASSADOR PROPOSED THAT PUBLIC RECORD MIGHT BE CLARIFIED AT THE TIME OF THE NEXT U.S. CONTRIBUTION. USG PRESS RELEASE MIGHT THEN STATE THAT U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOOD WERE BEING PROVIDED THROUGH WFP AS PART OF WFP PROGRAM. ZAGORIN BELIEVED THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL.

5. SINCE OUR RELATIONS WITH UN OFFICIALS MANAGING RELIEF HERE ARE IMPORTANT, WE HOPE THAT WHEN WE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE SUCH AS THAT ABOVE CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESS RELEASE, THE EMBASSY'S LOCAL RELEASE AND OUR NEXT LETTER TO THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT.  
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